

SUBJECT No. 20.

Abolition of *pasare* sales
in the district jungles by
the Forest Department.
Mr. Viraiya, Hiriya Taluk.

Mr. Viraiya.—The transfer of the district jungles to the Forest Department has caused considerable hardship to the raiyat population. It is the earnest prayer of the ryots that district forests should be under the control of the Revenue Department.

Dewan.—The matter is being considered by a Committee.

SUBJECT No. 21.

Cancellation of the issue
of license for transporting
honge and gallnut produce.
Mr. B. V. Rangiah, French
Rocks Sub-Taluk.

Mr. B. V. Rangiah.—Under the rules of the Forest Department, every land-holder who gets *Honge* and gallnut produce should obtain a free license for their transport. Forest contractors do not keep any watch in the areas in which they can collect the produce as per terms of their contract. They stop *bona fide* possessors of the produce near Railway Stations, etc., and molest and oppose them by alleging that the produce has been obtained by theft. The issue of license for transporting the said articles may therefore be cancelled.

Offg. First Member of Council.—The revision of the rules regarding *rahadari* is under the consideration of Government. A representation may be made to Government after orders are issued in this matter in case there are any difficulties.

SUBJECT No. 22.

Jambe wood.
Mr. Shantappa Setty, Kadur
District Board.

Mr. Santappa Setti.—The raiyats in the *malnad* chiefly use *jambe* wood for building purposes. They do not build any big houses but only huts and cow sheds. Formerly, the raiyats were getting this timber at 8 annas a cart load. But now, they have to pay Rs. 1-8-0. As this is too high, the old rate may be restored.

Mr. Abbas Khan—Now that the Kolar Gold Fields have condemned *jambe*, there will not be much demand for this timber. It would help the *malnad* raiyats a great deal if this concession is granted to them.

Dewan.—The proper rate is Rs. 3 per cart load, but the department is charging only half that amount. It may not be possible to grant the request, but the matter will be examined.

SUBJECT No. 23.

Sale of firewood in Sandal
Kotis.
Mr. A. Narayana Iyengar,
Hassan Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—The Forest Department at present divides jungles into coupes for the supply of firewood and sells the same by auction. The auction purchasers are not bound to sell the firewood within the district in which the coupes are situated. They generally export firewood to other districts. Consequently, scarcity of fire-wood is keenly felt by the people. Arrangements may be made to sell fire-wood in Sandal *Kotis* as before or a condition may be imposed requiring the purchaser to sell the fire-wood in the district only and in suitable central places.

Withdrawn.